



BRIMFIELD TOWNSHIP FLAG DESIGN BY CARSON ENIX

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Around Town

by The Board of Trustees:

Mike Kostensky, Chick Sprague Jr. and Sue Fields

Happy New Year Brimfield!

We hope that you enjoyed our holiday display, which saved tax payers dollars! A local company was hired this year to assemble and disassemble the display as well as provide maintenance throughout the holiday season. It is our hope to be able to continue providing a lovely holiday lighting display at the Town Square in years to come!

Are you enjoying the snow? We have an awesome sled riding hill located at Cranberry Creek! Future development is coming for this 35 acre park located on Lynn Road off of Sherman Road. We encourage and appreciate your feedback and ideas as we develop this rolling green space.

In other news, we have purchased a brine system for pretreating our roads in the winter months. Once we have the system implemented there will be a savings for our salt cost, which will be well over 60%. You are encouraged to contact your local state representative regarding local fund cuts which then puts a huge burden on the Townships.

We are also researching the conversion of Township vehicles to natural gas. The cost would be greatly reduced to .26 - .40 a gallon. The state of Ohio sits atop the second largest natural gas reserves in the world. We could become the keystone to the federal government's ambitious plan for energy independence in approximately 5-8 years.

Please stay informed at www.brimfieldohio.gov where you can join us on Facebook.

Stay safe, help your neighbor and have a great year!



The Brimfield Police Department

Department Social Media

As many of you know, the police department joined the Facebook world.

The Facebook logo, consisting of the word "facebook" in white lowercase letters on a blue rectangular background.

The Facebook site has been a phenomenal success and as of this writing we have over 12,700 "Likes". We update the site daily, giving you information on current arrests, incidents and also our very popular community programs.

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Search for us on Facebook and Brimfield Police Department.

We are also Twitter is we usually other



utilizing the Twitter social network. limited to shorter messages and "tweet" for traffic accidents and information requiring a shorter,

timelier message. Follow us on Twitter- we are @brimfieldpolice

Nixle

As part of our efforts to keep you all updated, we have enlisted the help of our friends at Nixle. Nixle is a FREE program allowing us to send emails and text messages to thousands of people in a very short time. If you would like to receive text message alerts for traffic crashes, community programs and other important information, text the phrase brimfieldpd to the number 888777. You will get an immediate confirmation message. We cannot access your phone number or personal information through this program.

We are one of the first departments in Ohio to have our own smart phone app. Visit our Facebook page to down load this great tool....at no cost.

Serving and Protecting,

Chief David Oliver, CLEE

Brimfield has a new fire truck!

By: Robert Keller, Fire Chief



A new replacement rescue engine has arrived at the Brimfield Fire Department. In the planning stages since early 2011 the new fire truck replaces two existing fire trucks. The first is a 1982 Pierce Arrow fire engine that was taken out of service this past fall after 30 years of



service. The second vehicle is a 1994 Ford rescue truck that became too small to carry the weight of necessary rescue equipment.

The new fire truck is a 2012 Pierce Saber pumper truck built on a rescue body with increased storage capacity. The truck carries 1,000 gallons of water and has a fire pump capable of pumping 1,500 gallons of water per minute. The truck was built by Pierce Manufacturing in

Appleton, Wisconsin and will serve the Brimfield community for the next 25 years.

The purchase of the fire truck was financed through a USDA loan at a very low interest rate for a ten year term. Funds to pay off the load will come from JEDD revenue collected by the cities of Tallmadge and Kent.

The department has worked diligently to put the truck into service. A few of the unique features on the truck are a light tower that will be used at the scene of night time auto

accidents to illuminate the scene. Another feature on the truck is an automatic idle reduction system that allows the truck engine to shut down while on the scene for an extended period of time while continuing to operate emergency lights with the onboard diesel generator.

New rescue tools were also purchased with the truck featuring a cordless design. The rescue tools are manufactured by Hurst and are referred to as the "Jaws of Life".

These tools are designed to pry, bend or cut newer high strength metals used in the manufacture of today's automobiles. The truck also features a Class A foam system that is designed to make water more efficient on structure fires.

An Open House is planned for Saturday, January 26 from noon until 3PM to give residents a close up look at the new truck. As a department we are grateful to the residents of Brimfield for their support of fire department and EMS services

Public Works

Jim Nethken, Director

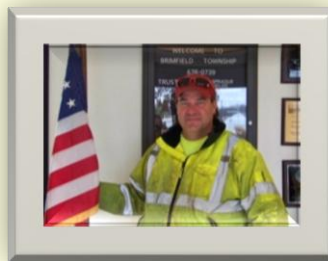
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As the newly appointed Public Works Director, I have not yet had the chance to formally introduce myself. I would like to take this opportunity to do so.

I have lived in Brimfield for sixteen years and have two children that are currently attending Field Public Schools. As an employee of Brimfield Township who has worked for the Road Department for seven years, I feel that this position is a great fit for me, mainly because I know I can make a difference for the residents of Brimfield. As a resident of the Township, I can certainly relate to a lot of the issues and concerns that are presented.

Dave Rufner is our newest employee in the Road Department. He has resided in Suffield for most of his life with his wife Becky and his three boys; two of which are graduates of Brimfield High School and the other is currently attending. He has a



strong construction background which was a key factor in hiring him for the Public Works Department. Dave continues to do exceptional work every day for the residents of Brimfield Township and is a great asset to the Township. We are lucky to have him!

We have completed a lot of projects in 2012 to include the following:



- Three roads chip and sealed
- Three roads resurfaced
- Concrete repair on two roads
- Howe Road, Brimfield Drive and Townsquare Drive were all chip and sealed by Portage County for us at a cost of about \$26,000.00 (there was a sealer that contained an additive that keeps the stone adhered to the road surface better)
- Karg Parkway and Greenbriar Parkway were both resurfaced at a cost of about \$81,000.00 which included repair to the road surface before resurfacing could begin
- Cline Road was the one and only Ohio Public Works Commission project for 2012: The total cost of the project was \$106,853.15 (\$26,182.19 of which we were responsible) - the balance of the project was paid for with grant money through OPWC - this funding by the state of Ohio saves the Township a lot of money
- Morley Drive and Neville Drive received a total of \$33,000.00 in concrete repair this fall
- Howe Road from State Route 43 to Sunnybrook Road was treated with an Asphalt Rejuvenator at a cost of \$10,841.88 (according to statistics, this will increase the life of the road surface by years)

If you have any questions or concerns, including any of the projects I have listed, please feel free to call me direct.



by: Amy Arnold, Administration Coordinator

Happy New Year Brimfield Township! As the Administration Coordinator, it is my pleasure to update you on the many happenings that are taking place in Brimfield.

We are updating our records for Restland Cemetery, which can be quite a process, especially when they are dated back to the 1800's. We are asking for your participation in this process. If you have a loved one at the cemetery or have ownership of a gravesite, please stop by the Town Hall to fill out a history information sheet. Once the new program is up and running, there will be



Restland Cemetery, feel free to give me a call – as I am also the Cemetery Sexton

a web portal available to the public to view a specific grave to include mapping. If you have any questions regarding

Summer is just around the corner, which means it will soon be time to sign up for summer programs through Parks and Recreation!

For the adults, we sand volleyball two sessions this success of last year's to the public – second upper level process.



offer a fantastic outdoor league! We are going to run year due to the great league! The league is open everyone is welcome! A court is in the planning

For youth, ages 9-15, we offer a summer golf league at the beautiful Sunny Hill Golf Course. This league is for beginners, intermediate and advanced golfers – everyone is welcome!

Brimfield Township as a whole is considerate of the cost of programs so we are doing our best to keep the fees to a minimum.



If you have any questions, regarding any of the above mentioned programs, feel free to give me a call!



I am sure that many of you have noticed the many new businesses that have opened up in Brimfield Township (approximately 15)! I would like to encourage each and every resident to shop local and support your local business owners.

As many of you know, Brimfield Township had a beautiful flag designed last year by one of our many talented students, Carson Enix. This year, we would like to open a township wide contest for a “town slogan”. You can submit your ideas via email or just stop by the Town Hall. Please include your name, address, phone number, age and how long you have lived in Brimfield. Look for an entry form on our website.



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My door is always open, feel free to stop by anytime!

